

35 USC 112

Applicants respectfully submit that the skilled artisan recognizes that the C group as a variable for X and Y represents CH₂. The two hydrogens are necessary to ensure that the carbon atom maintains the proper valence. However, in the interest of expediting the prosecution of the application, Applicants have replaced the "C" variables with "CH₂". Applicants believe that the amendments render the rejection under 35 USC 112 now moot.

Withdrawn Claim 24

In response to the Examiner's request to withdraw the non-elected subject matter from the claims, Applicants submit herewith an amended copy of the claims. Applicants maintain that the present claims are commensurate in scope with the elected invention, and the rejection of Claim 24 may properly be withdrawn. Applicants have canceled or withdrawn all non-elected subject matter, and hereby reserve the right to file one or more divisional or continuation applications to claim the non-elected subject matter.

State of the Art

Applicants note that US 7,071,220 is cited as state of the art only. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's notation that the prior art does not teach or suggest the presently elected invention.

Remarks

Applicants request entry of the enclosed amendments enclosed herewith to expedite the prosecution of this application. Applicants believe that the amendments will place the case in condition for allowance. Applicants have corrected errors of an administrative nature, and maintain that the amendments are both proper and avoid the introduction of new matter.

In light of the amendments and enclosed remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and prompt passage of the application to issuance.

Applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney for any matters relating to this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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